

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A snowboard binding (1) with a base plate (2), with a retaining means (3) for a snowboard boot, and with at least one load introduction means (7, 8) ~~which~~ that serves for transmitting forces between the snowboard boot and a snowboard (6), and with a fastening means (4) ~~which~~ that serves for the detachable fastening of the base plate (2) and the at least one load introduction means (7, 8) on the snowboard.

2. (Currently Amended) A snowboard binding (1) according to ~~patent~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the at least one load introduction means (7, 8) may be set in angle and alignment with respect to the base plate (2).

3. (Currently Amended) A snowboard binding (1) according to ~~one of the preceding patent claims,~~ characterised in that claim 1, wherein the at least one load introduction means (7, 8) is arranged laterally of the base plate (2) and at least in regions between the snowboard (6) and the snowboard boot and serves for the direct or indirect transmission of forces between the snowboard boot and the snowboard (6).

4. (Currently Amended) A snowboard binding (1) according to ~~one of the preceding patent claims,~~ characterised in that claim 1, wherein the at least one load

introduction means (7, 8) is arranged at least in regions between the base plate (2) and the snowboard (6).

5. (Currently Amended) A snowboard binding (1) according to ~~one of the preceding patent claims, characterised by~~claim 1, comprising two load introduction means (7, 8) which are arranged essentially diametrically opposite the base plate (2) and which are arranged in ~~the~~a region of a tip and a heel of the snowboard boot.

6. (Currently Amended) A snowboard binding (1) according to ~~one of the preceding patent claims, characterised in that~~claim 1, wherein the at least one load introduction means (7, 8) ~~is designed~~has a shape selected from the group consisting of: crescent-shaped, or round, or and rectangular.

7. (Currently Amended) A snowboard binding (1) according to ~~one of the preceding patent claims, characterised in that~~claim 1, wherein the at least one load introduction means (7,8), due to its shape or material selection, is designed elastically in a manner such that it dampssso as to elastically dampen impacts, knocks or vibrations.

8. (Currently Amended) A snowboard binding (1) according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterised in that~~claim 1, wherein the at least one load introduction means (7,8) in regions is arranged between the base plate (2) and the snowboard (6).

9. (Currently Amended) A snowboard binding (1) according to ~~one of the preceding patent claims, characterised in that~~claim 1, wherein the at least one load introduction means (7, 8) serves for adjusting ~~the~~a distance between the snowboard (6) and the snowboard boot.

10. (Currently Amended) A snowboard binding (1) according to ~~one of the preceding patent claims, characterised in that~~claim 1, wherein the at least one load introduction means (7,8) lies (contacts) in a large-area manner or only at discrete locations.

11. (Currently Amended) A snowboard binding (1) according to ~~one of the preceding patent claims, characterised in that~~claim 1, wherein the snowboard binding (1) or the at least one load introduction means (7, 8, 22, 23, 35, 40) is designed such that it ~~effects a compensation~~compensates between the different stiffnesses of a snowboard (6) and a base plate (2).